

Community Preservation

Saving old buildings (historic preservation) is only a small part of the Community Preservation story. Re-use of old buildings must serve broader purposes that benefit Utah's residents and visitors:

- **Main Street revitalization** (long-term and new businesses; tradition and innovation blended)
- **Community gatherings** (local traditions and new expressions; familiar, fun, and exciting activities)
- **Neighborhood stabilization and rejuvenation** (walkable, character-rich locales that work today)
- **Tourism** (headliner attractions; "background" ambience: "I just like the feel of this place")
- **Education** (school-kids and long-term residents learning history anew—creative museum and history programs that engage, not just instruct)
- **Community character** (each community adds to the mosaic of Utah's unique brand)

The following examples exhibit successful Community Preservation projects around the state:

Heritage Tourism and Recreation—Butch Cassidy's Boyhood Home, Circleville, Piute County

- This solitary homestead is recognized as Butch Cassidy's teenage home—just before he left for bigger things.
- County and city leadership, plus legislative funding, helped spur revitalization plans
- Homestead restoration plus visitor amenities, including access to adjacent ATV cross-country discovery trail (2017-18)
- Partners: Local governments, Utah State Parks, Utah Division of State History, Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area



Unique History—Salina CCC Camp/POW Camp, Sevier County

Utah had 116 Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-42) camps. During WWII, the Salina CCC camp became a prisoner of war confinement center for captured German soldiers. A 1945 shooting by a deranged guard killed and wounded dozens of POWs. The community recently re-awakened both the CCC and POW histories of its camp structures. The buildings represent the few survivors of both the CCC and WWII eras in Utah.



Living History—Fruita Historic District, Capitol Reef National Park, Wayne County

- Historic orchards are a key element of the park's historic district and visitor experience.
- Management Plan: NPS and its partners are working to keep these trees and traditions alive.
- Management Plan partners: Capitol Reef National Park, local friends group, conservation and recreation stakeholders, Utah Division of State History



History Goes High-Tech—Salt Lake Tribune Building/Neumont University, Salt Lake City, SL County



- 80-year history as a news source—*The Salt Lake Tribune*, the city's only high-rise Art Deco building
- 2015 conversion to Neumont University; classrooms below and student dorms above
- Specialized training in computer and online programming; competitive enrollment; high job placement
- Unique downtown student environment; transit oriented; Main Street enhancement

Revived Skills and Traditions—Wilbur Blacksmith Shop, Eden, Weber County

After decades of decline and abandonment, a historic blacksmith shop in Eden was restored in the early 2010s as a functioning blacksmith shop. The original tools that had lain dormant for decades were also put back to use.

